10. M/s. Global Engineering, New Delhi.
11. M/s. Siemens Ltd., New Delhi.
12. M/s. BHEL, New Delhi.

The CAG Report also refers to inadmissible payments of Rs. 13.36 lakhs as IPRS to the five firms as under:

1. M/s. Jhalani Tools (I) Ltd. New Delhi.
2. M/s. ANG Exports Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
3. M/s. J & C Intl., New Delhi.
4. M/s. Jasons Intl., New Delhi.
5. M/s. Hinden Forge P. Ltd., Ghaziabad.

(c) These observations form part of the CAG Report No. 2 of 1999. Each of the cases listed in the report will be examined and necessary action as per law will be initiated against all concerned including the officers concerned after due investigations. Action taken report will be submitted to Parliament after the same is duly vetted by the Audit.

Composition of Indian Delegation for Seattle Meeting

1112. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Seattle meeting is going to take up labour-related issues;

(b) if so, whether Indian delegation will include a labour representative as demanded by all the trade unions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the composition of the Indian delegation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) The agenda for the third Ministerial Conference of WTO at Seattle included, inter-alia, consideration of proposals that may be raised by Members in General Council of WTO at Geneva on any issue. Under this category, the European Communities and the United States of America had made proposals relating to trade and labour standards towards the end of the preparatory process leading to the Ministerial Conference. Consultations were held with representatives of Apex labour unions and others by the Government, leading to the view that proposals to establish linkages between trade and labour standards in WTO rules should be opposed as they would undermine the comparative advantage of developing countries and may be used as a protectionist measure. During consultations, representatives of the labour unions had also suggested the inclusion of labour representatives in the official delegation to the Ministerial Conference. After considering various aspects including the various issues on the agenda, a delegation as per the statement was finally deputed (*See* below) India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, who also represents India at the International Labour Organization, Geneva was also included in the official delegation.

Statement

List of Official Delegation to the Third Ministerial Conference of WTO held on 30th November—3rd December, 1999 at Seattle, USA

Ministry: of Commerce & Industry

1. Minister Shri Murasoli Maran

Member of Parliament

2. Shri Kamal Nath MP (LS)
3. Shri K. Yerrannaidu, MP (LS)
4. Shri Biplab Das Gupta MP (RS)

Official of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry

5. Shri P.P. Prabhu, Commerce Secretary
6. Shri N.N. Khanna, Special Secretary
7. Shri R.P. Agrawal, Joint Secretary

8. Shri Dr. V.S. Seshadri, Joint Secretary
9. Ku. Shipra Biswas, Additional Principal Information Officer
10. Smt. Bulbul Sen, Director
11. Shri T.K. Panday, PS to Commerce & Industry Minister
12. Shri Atul Kaushik, Deputy Secretary
13. Shri Rajeev Jain, Information Officer

Other Ministries

14. Shri N.K. Singh, Secretary to the Prime Minister
15. Shri S.T. Devare, Secretary (Economic Relations) Ministry of External Affairs
16. Shri R.C.A. Jain, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
17. Shri N. Ramakrishna, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textile
18. Shri Gautam Soni, Adviser, Ministry of IT

From Permanent Mission of India to WTO at Geneva

19. Shri S. Narayanan, Ambassador
20. Shri Shishir Priyadarshni, Counsellor
21. Shri Mohan Kumar, Counsellor
22. Ms. Vandana Aggarwal, First Secretary

From Embassy of India, Washington DC

23. Shri Naresh Chandra, Ambassador
24. Shri Ajay Malhotra, Minister (Commercial)

From Permanent Mission of India to UN at Geneva

25. Ms. Savitri Kunadi, Ambassador

From Industry Associations

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

26. Shri V. Kanoria, Chairman FICCI Foreign Trade Committee
27. Dr. Amit Mitra. Secy. General, FICCI
28. Shri N. Srinivasan (Proposed as an alternate delegate)

Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)

29. Shri Navratan Samdria, President, FIEO

30. Shri K.K. Jain Vice President, FIEO

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

31. Shri R. Gopalakrishnan, Chairman, International, Trade Committee, CII

32. Dr. Omkar Goswami, Economist and Senior Consultant, CII

The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)

33. Mr. Pradeep B. Chinai, President, India Merchants Chamber, Mumbai.

34. Mr. Rohan Shah Advocate, Supreme Court, Indian Merchants Chamber, Mumbai.

Export of Pepper

1113. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pepper export has come down for the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of export; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the export performance of pepper?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The details of export of pepper for the last three years are given below:

Year	Quantity (tonnes)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
1996-97	47893	41231.84
1997-98	35907	49635.70
1998-99	34864	63811.28

(c) Apart from general Policy reforms, some of the steps taken to improve the export of pepper include promotion of Indian brands